



Friends of the Library, Dearborn Newsletter

February 2019

The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be to foster closer relations between the Dearborn Department of Libraries, the Dearborn city government, and the people of Dearborn; and further to promote knowledge of, and informed interest in, the functions, services, resources and needs of the public library.

Michigan's Polar Bear Soldiers of World War 1

Mike Grobbel
Guest Speaker

Tuesday, February 5
7:00 p.m.

Henry Ford Centennial Library

One hundred years ago, five thousand U.S. soldiers (the majority of them from Michigan) were stranded in the Arctic region of North Russia, engaged in bitter combat with the Bolshevik Red Army. They had arrived in Archangel, Russia the previous September and their battles continued long after the Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918. The soldiers were withdrawn from this military intervention in June of 1919, but not before 230 of them lost their lives.

Today, the "Polar Bear" soldiers are all gone, but they and their service to our country have not been totally forgotten. Their dead are memorialized with a monument at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Michigan, where they are commemorated annually with a Memorial Day service conducted by the Polar Bear Memorial Association.

Join us to hear Mike Grobbel, the president of the association, tell the story of the men of the American Russia Expeditionary Force. Mike is the grandson of a "Polar Bear" and his presentation will draw on the experiences of his grandfather and other veterans of that campaign. His talk will also include maps, timelines and photos to help explain how and why the "Polar Bears" fought in what can be considered the first battles of our country's Cold War with the Soviet Union.

Bryant Library Magazine Sale

The Bryant Branch library will be holding a used magazine sale from Monday, February 11 to Saturday, February 23. Stop in at the library branch and find some interesting magazines (at bargain prices!) to take home and read.

Used Book Sale

Welcome back, faithful FOLD members! Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the holiday season and is ready to venture out for our first sale of the year. Our sales total for December was \$3,216, which includes sales of items on our second-floor shelves, the showcase, online, and at Bryant Branch library. The FOLD volunteers have been very busy preparing for the first sale of 2019, which will be on **Wednesday, February 6.**

Our features for February are music and hobbies. We will have at least twice the usual amount of compact discs and vinyl for sale as well as books about music. Classical CDs are priced at \$1 and up, while all other CDs are just 50 cents per disc. We also will have a table full of hobby books such as jewelry making, photography, scrapbooking, needle arts, crafts, etc.

One other interesting feature will be a collection of horror movies on DVD. If you know anyone who likes a good scare be sure and clue them in!

The children's area will feature many new teen and juvenile fiction titles. FOLD has received a large quantity of recently withdrawn library books for children and the book shelves are fully stocked.

Of course, we have also restocked all other sale areas including cookbooks, biography, art, sports, religion and philosophy, DVDs, records, magazines, music, bargain fiction, bargain nonfiction, dollar surprise bags, etc.

We are hoping you will all brave the February cold weather, come out to the Centennial Library, and support the sale. We're looking forward to seeing lots of happy shoppers on **Wednesday, February 6** from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

By the way, keep FOLD in mind for your gently-used, relatively-new book and media donations. We are always looking for quality material to offer at future sales. We especially need children's books, recent textbooks, and jazz and/or rock albums. Thanks for your continued support of FOLD and your local library.

Laura Litterio
FOLD Book Sale Coordinator

BLOCKBUSTER FILMS

7:00 p.m. Henry Ford Centennial Library

January 21 - No program

Library closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 28 - BlacKKKlansman (2018)

From visionary filmmaker Spike Lee comes the incredible story of an American hero. In the early 1970s, Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) becomes the first African-American detective in the Colorado Springs police department. Determined to make a difference, he bravely sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan. He recruits a seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver), into the undercover investigation. Together, they team up to take down the extremist organization aiming to garner mainstream appeal. (Rated R, 135 min.)

February 4 - Leave No Trace (2018)

Will (Ben Foster) and his teenage daughter, Tom (Thomasin Harcourt McKenzie), have lived off the grid for years in the forests of Portland, Oregon. When their idyllic life is shattered, both are put into social services. After clashing with their new surroundings, Will and Tom set off on a harrowing journey back to their wild homeland. From the director of Academy Award nominated Winter's Bone, critics are hailing this film as "powerful from start to finish" (Los Angeles Times). (Rated PG, 110 min.)

February 11 - Puzzle (2018)

After years of concerning herself exclusively with the needs and wants of her husband and sons, Agnes has found something that she wants to do: Puzzling. Stepping out of her domestic bubble to pursue her new hobby, Agnes meets Robert, a wealthy, reclusive inventor who recruits her as his partner for an upcoming world jigsaw tournament. Each day she spends out in the world takes Agnes further along on the road to a new understanding of herself. (Rated R, 103 min.)

February 18 - No program

Library closed for Presidents' Day

February 25 - The Young Karl Marx (2017)

At the age of 26, Karl Marx embarks with his wife Jenny on the road to exile. In Paris in 1844 they meet young Friedrich Engels, son of a factory owner, who's studied the sordid beginnings of the English proletariat. Engels, somewhat of a dandy, brings Karl Marx the missing piece to the puzzle that composes his new vision of the world. Together, between censorship and police raids, riots and political upheavals, they will preside over the birth of the labor movement, which until then had been mostly makeshift and unorganized. This will grow into the most complete theoretical and political transformation of the world since the renaissance - driven, against all expectations, by two brilliant, insolent and sharp-witted young men from good families. (Not rated, 118 min.)

LIBRARY NEWS

There are many activities going on at the library. Check the website at www.dearbornlibrary.org for a more complete listing.

Classics Revisited

The Color Purple by Alice Walker will be discussed in this ongoing series (10th anniversary) dedicated to discussing great books. Check out a copy now and read or re-read it before the program!

Wednesday, February 20 - 7 p.m.

Henry Ford Centennial Library Ford Room

Winter Reading for Adults!

January 22 to March 9, 2019

Keep away the winter doldrums by reading great books for a chance at a fabulous prize. Bingo sheets are available at all library locations or online at www.dearbornlibrary.org. Fill in the bingo card with the authors and titles of the books you've read. This program is for readers 18 years of age and older. Prizes will be given on a weekly basis and there will be a grand prize winner for all participants who complete a bingo sheet cover-all.

New Library App

The Dearborn Library is proud to announce the availability of a new library app. The app provides a greater mobile experience, and once set up can be used in place of a library card. Download it for free on the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

Some of the features of the app are: browsing the catalog, managing holds and renewals, tracking multiple accounts, getting directions and hours, connecting with social media, and viewing upcoming events.

Now available for sale

Both community Big Read books are now available for purchase for \$10 each (cash, credit cards or checks made out to the City of Dearborn) at all of the library branches. Recipes to Remember is a cookbook of family recipes and What's in a Name is an anthology of family stories and poems. Any funds raised will go directly toward the next community-wide reading program in Dearborn.

Book to film!

Read the book then watch the movie followed by a discussion of both.

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Saturday, February 16 - 2 p.m.

Henry Ford Centennial Library auditorium

Library closings - all branches

Monday January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 18 - Presidents' Day

FOLD WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

Joseph Plaza



Michigan's Polar Bear Soldiers of World War I

Speaker:

Mike Grobbel

President of the Polar Bear
Memorial Association



**Tuesday
February 5
7:00 p.m.**

**Henry Ford Centennial Library Auditorium
16301 Michigan Ave.
Dearborn, MI 48126**

For more information, please call 313-943-2330
Or visit <http://dearbornlibrary.org>

*Our program is free and presented as
a community service.*

*Light refreshments will be served in
the rotunda following the program.*





FEBRUARY FEATURE:
MUSIC & HOBBIES

**LOTS OF QUALITY BOOKS,
VIDEOS, MUSIC CDs,
AND VINYL**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
9:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
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All sale proceeds benefit Dearborn Public Library.